

Editorial

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Overshadowing issues by CAB

Well and good the CAB was not table today at Rajya Sabha. But the issue of dissent has been almost made forgotten. Almost everybody seems to forget Kishorechandra who is being detained under National Security. The "little dictator" as called by the retd. Supreme Court Justice Markende Kaju seems to provide some relief to Mr. Chief Minister. The issue of Kishorechandra appears to be almost forgotten by almost media houses. The 'Print' a media network still provides space written by our mentor Pradip Phanjaoubam - about the issue. But people seem sidelining it for reason best known to the so call CSOs or the media fraternity. Mr. Biren, the Chief Minister of Manipur seem relieved, as no none talk of Kishorechandra Wangkhemcha. People in the journalism profession too have forgotten the issue of Kishorechandra, the TV journalist. The Chief Minister seems to be mentally unstable as promises made by him to give justice to 1528 victims of fake encounter was never heard from his mouth since he hold power. Corruption - which he promised to eradicate was caught in red handed and punishment to corrupt official were never heard of giving any punishment.

CAB is an issue of the entire North Eastern states and his shrewd gambling in tackling the peoples' uproar is supposedly working a way out to safe him and his party from the wrath of the people. Nevertheless, Kishorechandra's detention is also thrown out of the mind of the people with the coming of the CAB. One way he seems happy on the other way he forget the consequences he might face if CAB is passed.

Kishorechandra's issue is more like his personnel issue but CAB is no different from the issue of the 2001 people's uprising. Assembly was burnt, Speaker of the then legislative assembly was garland with shoes and insulted in public, many offices of the political parties as well as quarters of the MLAs and Ministers were burnt. If CAB is passed there is no guarantee that similar uproar would strike back. The only option left to the Chief Minister is 'sacrifice'. Our Chief Minister has done many good thing but it would be wrong if CAB sabotage and destroyed his career, because people will target him and he will be another victim as people will ignore his good deeds because of CAB.

No matter it is his party that brings up CAB, people will sport and stand by you if you strongly object and even sacrifice your seat by challenging the CAB. The kind of act will again restored you back to the top most seat of the state as people will have more confident in you.

Resign if they say 'no' to you, a simple request. On the other hand, the detention of TV journalist Kishorechandra Wangkhemcha under NSA cannot be carpeted with any issue. He was already released on bail and it is time that a person ruling the state think positively and released him without any condition. Kishorechandra is indeed no threat to the government (your'). Ignore what he spoke against you and release him by giving some good advice to him. He started just as a journalist and at young age they talk and the talk should not be make as an internal issue. After all Mr. Honourable Chief Minister was once an editor of a popular newspaper which is dedicated for the cause of the Human Rights.

Moreh battalion of assam rifles interacts with Women organisations

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Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) carried out monthly interactive session with women organisations of Moreh town on 12th February. The meeting was chaired by Commandant, Moreh Battalion, Chief Medical Officer and was attended by Meira Paibis, Kuki Women Union, Human Resource Organisation, Moreh Women Development Association and delegates from HTC. Various issues such as skill development of children, drug abuse, cleanliness of town, importance of maintenance of peace in



Moreh and other important aspects keeping in mind the current situation in Moreh were discussed during the meet. Commandant assured the attendees that Assam Rifles is always

ready to provide all possible help to locals and share the responsibilities with civil administration. All the attendees conveyed their gratitude to Moreh Battalion Assam Rifles for its continuous efforts in reaching out to the people of Moreh and maintaining a peaceful environment in Moreh town and adjoining areas. The interaction terminated with refreshments and a pledge to cooperate with each other to ensure overall peace and tranquility.

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"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN"

(Prevention of Bandh, General Strike & Blockades)

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People of Manipur has been experiencing BANDH, General Strikes, and Blockades in various forms for various reasons for the last so many years. To achieve their demands, for small & pity matters, using Bandh, General strikes as tools or weapons by our peoples has been something like culture in Manipur. However, whether many of the movement using Bandh & Blockades to achieve their demand was successful or not is a big question to be asked. In the **Fundamental Right given by the 19th Article of Indian Constitution**, every citizen of India has the right to express his opinion, desire etc. To obtain or achieve their rightful demand from the Government they can take up any type of peaceful protest or movement without any weapons. However, a big question arises at this point of time. Can someone or a group of people disturb other by using the fundamental right given to them by Indian Constitution? As an answer to this question, we can recall the landmark judgment given by KERALA HIGH COURT. In the judgment against the writ petition filled by one person called BHARAT KUMAR, the full Bench of KERALA HIGH COURT given the verdict that BANDH is entirely different from the HARTAL or STRIKE as BANDH is against the

Constitution. The verdict of the KERALA HIGH COURT was also endorsed by the SUPREME COURT of India. **CPI (M)** challenged the verdict of Kerala High Court and filled a petition in Supreme Court against it. In the verdict by the Supreme Court against this petition said, the Fundamental right of an individual or a group of individuals cannot embrace the Fundamental right of the people of our Nation or Country. Therefore Bandh can't be called which is against the right of the others and damage the property of the State. In an Affidavit by the MAHARASTRA Government in the BOMBAY HIGH COURT against a writ petition in connection with the Bandh it was mentioned that in LONDON any type of protest by the general public to obtain their demand from the Government are held at HIGH PARK without disturbing others. In the same manner, in Maharashtra also this can be held at AZAD MAIDEIN. This will not disturb the Fundamental Right of others when a group of people demand their Fundamental right. In comply with the affidavit by the Maharashtra Government, Bombay High Court had given the verdict that any kind of people's movement should not disturb other. According to an observation given by Supreme Court to control Bandh & Hartal it is mentioned that Bandh

or Hartal shouldn't cause inconvenience, loss of properties, and fear to public and individual, damage of state property and Government should take up appropriate action to safeguard public life and property. Supreme Court has given the power to the state to recover any kind of losses from the leaders of the group or Organization as Compensation. For the first time an order was issued to give compensation to a Hotel by a former MLA of Shiva Senna in Maharashtra in connection with the damaged caused by a group of people led by him on **21st July 2009 under Bombay Police Act 1951, Section-51 clause-3**. The matter was brought to the Bombay High Court. The Bombay High Court endorsed Government order and issued an order to the MLA to give **Rs7.8 lakhs** as compensation to the Hotel. Supreme Court also gave the state Government to frame rules and regulation to protect and prevent the loss of life and property due to Bandh & Hartal. Supreme Court also given power to the State to amend the **Prevention of damage to public property Act 1984** in order to take up appropriate legal action against the leaders of Bandh & Hartal. This is the matters of Law and issue of Government. However can this be applicable in our state where frequent Bandhs and

Blockades exist? This is a big question that everybody asked. Bandhs or General strikes are also being called from time to time by unlawful Organizations. At the same time there is culture like habits of calling Band by JAC or Local or Villagers instantaneously without prior public notice for a simple pity matter or problem. To those which are under the purview of Law and Government, taking appropriate action will not be a hard shell to crack. However who will punish to those so called unlawful Organizations? To whom it will be concern for anything loss and damage of passenger vehicles, shops and at the offices at the remote areas who all comply the Government order for stringent action to those not complying the order? It's high time for the Government to take up and frame rules and regulation compatible with our land for a long and sustainable solution to curve the menace of Bandh, Blockades and General Strikes which cause unrepairable damages and hindrance to our development process.

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AR Conducts Anti Drug Campaign

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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted an Anti Drug Campaign for Drug Free Manipur at Yaingangpokpi Company Operating Base on 12 February 2019. The campaign witnessed an attendance of over 50 locals of Ngarunphung village. As part of the campaign, an interactive lecture was conducted to generate awareness about the drug issue among the youth. The lecture was followed by a rally from Yaingangpokpi Company Operating Base to Ngarunphung village. The campaign was a success in enlightening the villagers about ill effects of drug usage on human body and various measures to counter the drug menace. The villagers expressed deep gratitude to the Assam Rifles for regularly organising such awareness campaigns and appreciated the efforts and commitment of Assam Rifles to the cause of making Manipur a drug free State.

Rajya Sabha adjourned sine die without taking up Citizenship Amendment Bill

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The Rajya Sabha has today adjourned the session sine die (without no appointed date or time for resumption) without having taken up the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016. With opposition protests stalling House proceedings, the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday passed without debate the motion thanking the President for his address at the start of the Budget session. Issues ranging from the Rafale fighter jet deal to the Citizenship Bill have

stalled proceedings since the House met for the Budget session on January 31. On the last day of the session, there was a consensus that the motion will be adopted without debate. The motion was adopted by voice vote after several amendments moved by opposition members were withdrawn. The Upper House of the Parliament was adjourned sine die thereafter. The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016, which seeks to provide citizenship to six minority groups from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh, will be presented in

Rajya Sabha on Feb 13. The controversial bill has led to massive protests in the northeast India. The government was expected to make one last effort to push this Bill through the Rajya Sabha today. The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 will amend the laws governing citizenship, formed in 1955, to grant Indian nationality to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians, who fled religious persecution from the three neighbouring countries and entered India before December 31, 2014.

Citizenship Bill, triple talaq bill to lapse if not passed by Rajya Sabha today

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The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 and The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2018 will lapse if not passed by the Rajya Sabha on February 13 — the last day of the Budget Session. February 13 will also be the last sitting of the 16th Lok Sabha as it will be dissolved ahead of general elections expected to happen in April-May. Unlike the Winter Session, when the sittings of the Rajya Sabha were extended by two days to push the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) quota bill, the government has not shown any indication of a possible extension this time. Neither the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, nor The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill — commonly known as the triple talaq bill — were taken up for consideration on February 12. In fact, the House was adjourned early due to protest by members. Both bills were passed by the Lok Sabha earlier. However, they stand to lapse if not passed by the Rajya Sabha. The legislative procedure states that a Bill pending in the Rajya Sabha which has not been passed

by the Lok Sabha does not lapse on dissolution of the Lok Sabha. However, a Bill which is passed by the Lok Sabha and is pending in the Rajya Sabha lapses upon the dissolution of the Lok Sabha. This would mean that the two bills would have to be reintroduced, if they were to be considered for passing, after the 17th Lok Sabha convenes after the general election. The government and the Opposition have come close to blows both inside and outside Parliament over the bills. The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has been pushing for The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal immigrants (Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan) eligible for Indian citizenship. This has faced widespread protests and resistance from Opposition parties and regional groups, mainly in the Northeast. The chief ministers of two Northeast states Arunachal Pradesh's Pema Khandu and Manipur's N Biren Singh — both belonging to the BJP — had on February 11 voiced their opposition to the contentious Bill and urged Home Minister Rajnath Singh to ensure it was not passed

in Rajya Sabha. The BJP lacks numbers in the Rajya Sabha. As a result, it has not been able to push the bills through. Opposition parties had blocked the passage of the two bills in the Winter Session too. Further, two of BJP's key allies Janata Dal (United) and the Shiv Sena have openly said that they would oppose the bill in the Upper House. A bill seeking to protect gullible investors from ponzi schemes was introduced in Lok Sabha on February 12 by Finance Minister Piyush Goyal. The House will take up the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill for discussion and passage on February 13. A report by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on the Indian Air Force (IAF), which is expected to mention the Rafale fighter jet deal is also likely to be tabled in Parliament on February 13. Alleging conflict of interest, the Congress had on February 10 requested CAG Rajiv Mehroshi to recuse himself from auditing the Rafale deal as he, as the then Finance Secretary, was part of the negotiations. Congress also said that it would be improper on the part of Mehroshi to present the report in Parliament.